

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Dean, Caisley, Clark, and Cavallini

Members Absent: Member Baggett

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, Director of Parks and Recreation

Others Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Engineer, Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission, Mr. Vance Emmert, Hudson Township Highway Commissioner, Mr. Jeff Tracy, County Highway

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Caisley / Cavallini to recommend approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2008 meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for March 31, 2008. The prepaid total is \$570,164.18.

Chairman Hoselton asked for any comments or questions concerning the Bills.

Motion by Clark / Cavallini to recommend payment of the March 31, 2008 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the first item to be presented for action is the request for a Jurisdictional Transfer of Broadway Street from Franklin Street to Lake Spur. The proposed jurisdictional transfer and the necessary improvements to this road would be included in the 5 year plan. He asked the Committee for comments and discussion.

Mr. Caisley stated that the Committee needs to question how the Jurisdictional Transfer fits in with the system of County Highways. He stated that Route 51 is closed to local traffic and that the project is a logical extension of Linden Street north to Lake Spur Road, a County Highway. It would make a good addition to the County Highway system and would be helpful to move traffic north and south.

Chairman Hoselton noted that Hudson Township has maintained the road, but it's not wide enough to meet the County criteria for an 80,000 pound road.

Mr. Cavallini asked if, by approving the Jurisdiction Transfer, does this mean the project would be added to the 5 year plan in place of prior projects? Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Engineer, explained that in the past, the County would take jurisdiction at the same time the Jurisdictional Transfer is placed in the 5 year plan.

Chairman Hoselton stated that a criteria for prioritizing projects needs to be established.

Mr. Vance Emmert, Hudson Township Highway Commissioner, noted that this project has already been pushed back for several years. When Interstate 39 was constructed, the State of Illinois agreed to upgrade Linden Street. They later backed out of the agreement. With County budget restraints it took 7-8 years to get the south end of Linden Street completed. Mr. Emmert stated that, with the heavy traffic on Broadway north to the Lake Spur Road, he would not like to see it pushed back too many years.

Mr. Dean expressed that it appears to be a natural extension to Linden Street.

Chairman Hoselton noted that there are communities in McLean County that have waited longer to get roads upgraded. The Committee will need to discuss what criteria will be used for determining how projects are put in the 5 year plan.

Mr. Schmitt explained that there is a 5 year plan that has been funded and there is an unfunded list that extends up to 20 years. Considering the budget, the Hudson Jurisdictional Transfer would be scheduled in 6 to 7 years. If directed by the Committee,

the project would be put in the 5 year plan. This would push back projects that are currently in the 5 year plan.

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Mr. Dean asked for a discussion on the possibility of the Village of Hudson improving their part of the road and bringing it up to specifications before the Jurisdictional Transfer. Mr. Emmert replied that the Township's levy is currently at the maximum tax rate. The funds are not available from the Township levy to improve this road.

Mr. Caisley suggested that if the County accepts the transfer, would the Village of Hudson and Hudson Township be willing to bear the right of way acquisition costs. Mr. Emmert stated that right of way is not a factor within the city limits. Within Hudson, the right of way is 120 feet to North Street.

Mr. Schmitt stated that because Hudson Township has the original records the right of way is 66 feet. Most County roads have 80 feet of right of way. He advised that the estimated road upgrade cost would be \$1,000,000.00 a mile. Right of way acquisition costs are estimated at \$20,000.00 a mile.

Mr. Dean stated that with financial assistance from the Village of Hudson and Hudson Township, the project could be put in the 5 year plan and not move prioritized projects back.

Mr. Caisley stated that the question before the Committee is, are we going to incorporate this stretch of highway into the County Highway system. If it is decided to do the project, at that point we will determine where it goes in terms of priority. Mr. Caisley recommended that the County accept the Jurisdictional Transfer of Broadway Street, in the Village of Hudson, from Franklin Street (CH12) in the Village of Hudson, north to Hudson Corporate limits, and the Township Highway from the Hudson Corporate limits north to the County Lake Spur Road.

Motion by Caisley / Cavallini to approve the Jurisdictional Transfer to the County of the following: Broadway Street, in the Village of Hudson from Franklin Street, north to the Corporate limits and the Township Highway from the Corporate limits north to the Lake Spur Road.

Mr. Dean expressed that if the motion is approved, the Village of Hudson and Hudson Township, would have no interest in assisting the County financially.

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Motion by Dean / Clark to amend the motion to indicate that the Committee continue to work with the Village of Hudson and Hudson Township as they research the availability of funds, in order to prioritize the Hudson Jurisdictional Transfer by possibly sharing some of the expenses needed to upgrade this road.
Motion carried.

Motion by Caisley /Cavallini to approve the Jurisdictional Transfer, Broadway Street from Franklin Street to the Lake Spur, as amended.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the next item to be presented for action is the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) – Historic Route 66 Bikepath Grant Application.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the grant application is for the cost of the engineering and construction of Phase 1 of the project. He referred questions to Mr. Jeff Tracy.

Mr. Tracy stated that there is \$25,000,000.00 in project funds available. If the County receives this ITEP Grant, the chances of the County receiving an IDNR (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) Grant would increase. The IDNR is pushing for a bike trail from Chicago to St. Louis. Mr. Tracy reported that the proposed Route 66 Bikeway program was divided into 5 Phases from Chenoa to McLean in 1999. Funding was determined by population.

Motion by Cavallini / Clark to recommend approval of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) – Historic Route 66 Bikepath Grant Application.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action to be presented to the Committee is the Resolution and Letting Results from the March 20, 2008 McLean County MFT Maintenance Section, McLean County Construction Section.

Mr. Schmitt distributed the revised Resolution and Letting Results. He recommended that the Committee award the following materials and contracts:

2008 MFT Maintenance Section:

McLean County Sec 08-00000-00-GM GR11 (signs)

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Highway Technologies \$25,742.60
800 N Addison Rd, Villa Park, IL 60108

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2008 MFT Construction Section:

McLean County Sec 07-00148-00-FP- Danvers/Carlock Rd (CH 53)

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Rowe Construction Co, a Div of RA Cullinan & Son, Inc. \$944,575.06
1523 N Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, IL 61702-0609

Motion by Dean / Clark to recommend approval
of the Resolution and Letting Results from the
March 20, 2008 County MFT Maintenance and
Construction Section.
Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Resolution and Letting Results from the March 20, 2008 County and Township 2008 MFT Maintenance Sections. He referred the Committee to the revised Resolution. He explained that the bid from Beniach Construction Co., Inc. and Rowe Construction Co. has been protested. When a bid is protested, the County cannot award the contracts or materials without the approval of IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation), assuring that Beniach Construction Co., Inc. and Rowe Construction Co. Apprenticeship programs are in place and have been certified by the Department of Labor. Mr. Schmitt recommended that the Committee award the following materials and contracts:

2008 COUNTY & ROAD DISTRICTS MFT MAINTENANCE SECTIONS:

Steffens 3-D Construction, Inc, 2503 CR 1250 North, El Paso, Illinois, was the successful bidder on the following sections:

Allin RD	Sec 08-01000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$20,708.40
Anchor RD.....	Sec 08-02000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$49,846.00
Arrowsmith RD	Sec 08-03000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$79,145.00
Blue Mound RD	Sec 08-07000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$95,575.00
Cheney's Grove RD.....	Sec 08-08000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$62,046.00
Chenoa RD.....	Sec 08-09000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$43,862.50
Cropsey RD.....	Sec 08-10000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$34,380.00
Dawson RD	Sec 08-13000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$52,734.00
Dry Grove RD	Sec 08-15000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$111,889.00
Funk's Grove RD	Sec 08-17000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$30,200.00
Gridley RD.....	Sec 08-18000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$60,886.00
Hudson RD.....	Sec 08-19000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$40,011.00
Lexington RD.....	Sec 08-21000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$17,686.00
Martin RD	Sec 08-22000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$70,360.00
Money Creek RD	Sec 08-23000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$28,600.00

Towanda RD.....	Sec 08-28000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$118,076.50
White Oak RD.....	Sec 08-30000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$19,524.00
Yates RD	Sec 08-31000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$80,571.00

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Emulsicoat, Inc, 705 E University Ave, Urbana, Illinois, was the successful bidder on the following section:

Empire RD	Sec 08-16000-00-GM	GR 17	@	\$84,000.00
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Motion by Caisley / Dean to recommend approval of the Resolution and Letting Results from the March 20, 2008 County and Township 2008 MFT Maintenance Sections.
Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt recommended that the Committee award the following materials and contracts with the revised wording, "subject to IDOT approval due to a responsible bidder protest": The wording is a requirement of the State for the County to be able to use Motor Fuel Tax Money.

2008 COUNTY & ROAD DISTRICTS MFT MAINTENANCE SECTIONS:

Beniach Construction Co, Inc, PO Box 20, Tuscola, Illinois, was the successful bidder on the following sections:

Downs RD	Sec 08-14000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$54,775.00
Gridley RD	Sec 08-18000-00-GM	GR 1A	@	\$24,000.00
West RD	Sec 08-29000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$29,810.00

Rowe Construction Co, a Div of RA Cullinan & Son, Inc, 1523 N Cottage Ave, PO Box 609, Bloomington, Illinois, was the successful bidder on the following sections:

McLean County	Sec 08-00000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$187,979.00
Allin RD	Sec 08-01000-00-GM	GR 1A	@	\$18,440.23
Bellflower RD.....	Sec 08-04000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$70,106.00
Dale RD	Sec 08-11000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$58,247.00
Danvers RD.....	Sec 08-12000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$63,545.00
Mount Hope RD.....	Sec 08-24000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$75,888.00
Normal RD.....	Sec 08-25000-00-GM	GR 2A	@	\$29,520.00
Old Town RD.....	Sec 08-26000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$94,170.00
Randolph RD.....	Sec 08-27000-00-GM	GR 2	@	\$61,047.00

Motion by Dean / Clark to recommend approval of the Resolution and Letting Results from the March 20, 2008 County and Township 2008 MFT Maintenance Sections subject to approval

by the Illinois Department of Transportation.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton noted that the next item for action is the Bridge Construction Petition for Anchor Township, Sec 08-02123-00-BR- Kerber Bridge.

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Mr. Schmitt reported that the Kerber Bridge, located at 4100 East Road on 1900 North Road, Anchor Township, Sec 08-02123-00-BR is presently inadequate. The County Engineer has estimated that the cost of the new drainage structure will be \$800,000.00. He referred the Committee to the pictures in the packet. The Bridge is unique in that it sets in the middle of an intersection, with four approaches.

Motion by Clark / Cavallini to recommend approval
of the Bridge Construction Petition for Anchor
Township, Section 08-02123-00-BR, Kerber Bridge.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the East Side Highway Study – Context Sensitive Solution, Revised Engineering Agreement and Revised IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) Federal Aid Agreement.

Mr. Schmitt presented the revised Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between the County and Clark Dietz, Inc. for the East Side Highway Phase I – Corridor Study. He stated that the agreement is to adjust for an estimated \$128,000.00 engineering overrun, due to the required Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process. We were one of the first projects to use the CSS. The estimated cost was 10% of the project; however it is running about 20% of the project.

Mr. Caisley asked Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator if the money being spent on the Context Sensitive Solutions process has been justified. Mr. Zeunik replied that going into the process, opposition was anticipated from the land owners and stake holders, within the 3 mile study area. He stated that the public meetings, held at Normal Community High School, have provided an opportunity for people to get the information and to talk with the consultants. The Citizens Advisory Committee, which consists of representatives of all of the stake holders, found out early on that they really did have a voice in the process. The Citizens Advisory Committee not only came up with the proposed four corridors, they were also unanimous in recommending that to the extent possible, existing right of way be used for any proposed road. Mr. Zeunik noted that the four corridors the Citizens Advisory Committee recommended, without exception, all line up with an existing right of way. He stated that it has been a lengthy process, however Clark Dietz, the representatives from IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration would all agree that this process, though it has been more expensive than anticipated, has produced the results hoped for.

Mr. Cavallini asked if this means that the Engineering firm cannot undermine the Committee and introduce a fifth alternative. Mr. Schmitt stated that they may make minor

adjustments with the connections. Mr. Zeunik advised that when looking at the corridors, the Engineering firm must be sensitive to environmental issues, historic properties or buildings, and homes. Adjustment may need to be made. When completed it will be a 600 foot wide corridor.

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Mr. Caisley questioned if the Context Sensitive Solutions process would, in the future, be asking for additional costs. Mr. Zeunik replied that Clark Dietz stated that they do not expect any additional requests. Even though there is no additional local money being added, dollars received from the Federal Government, are being reallocated to this project. He noted that there are no State dollars in this project even though the Context Sensitive Solutions is IDOT's requirement and law. There is \$800,000.00 of Federal money and \$100,000.00 each from the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean County.

Mr. Cavallini asked if the number of meetings required to complete the Context Sensitive Solutions process was known. Mr. Schmitt responded that meetings are based on what it takes to complete the project. Unexpected meetings have been budgeted within this request. Mr. Zeunik advised that the target date for completion by Clark Diets is May, 2008. There will probably be 2 more Citizens' Advisory Committee meetings and probably one large meeting where all the stake holders would have the opportunity to see what is being recommended in terms of corridors.

Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission, agreed that the goal for completion is May, 2008. She stated that they are very close to being on schedule.

Mr. Dean expressed that even though we went into the Context Sensitive Solutions negatively, overall it has been a positive experience. The people feel like they have been heard.

Mr. Zeunik stated that when it's over, you may hear opposition and people may not agree, but they will not be able to say they did not have an opportunity to be heard during the process.

Chairman Hoselton noted that the rural voice will probably still be opposed, especially if their land is affected.

Mr. Dean asked if homes would be affected due to the 600 feet corridor. Ms. Sicks responded that the 500-600 foot corridor's final alignment will only be a maximum of 300 feet. This minimizes the damage to land owners. This is a very long term intensive process that will be achieved over a period of time.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Revised IDOT Federal Aid Agreement. The division of cost for the Preliminary Engineering is as follows:

- \$928,000.00 FHWA
- \$300,000.00 County

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Motion by Dean / Cavallini to recommend approval of the East Side Highway Study- Context Sensitive Solution, Revised Engineering Agreement and Revised IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) Federal Aid Agreement.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is the McLean County Weight Limit Resolution to increase the weight limit for the Colfax / Weston Road (CH 13) from Illinois Route 165 to US Route 24, to 80,000 pounds.

Motion by Caisley / Dean to recommend approval of the 80,000 pound Weight Limit Resolution – Colfax / Weston Road (CH 13) from Illinois State Route 165 to US Route 24. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton informed the Committee that the first item to be presented for information is the Project Summary for the Henning and Spady Bridges on the Weston Road, CH 13.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the North structure is poured and the South structure is poured, backfilled, and the road is poured. The project should be finished in the next couple of weeks.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for information is the East Side Highway Study.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the East Side Highway Project Study Group met on Friday, March 14, 2008. Mr. Jerry Paynok, Project Manager, Clark Dietz, presented the Summary of Comparative Analysis Matrix that will be used in evaluating alternatives. The East Side Highway Project Steering Committee met after the Study Group meeting. Local Agencies had requested IDOT to see if they could find funds to cover the \$100,000.00 estimated overrun. However, IDOT District 5 reported that there are no State funds available for the project. The next Project Study Group Meeting will be Friday, April 11, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 404 of the Government Center.

Chairman Hoselton stated the last item for information is the Highway Funding increased costs over the last 10 years. Mr. Schmitt referred the Committee to the enclosed memo from Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Highway Engineer.

Mr. Schmitt explained that Downs Township had a culvert start to collapse. There will be a Stand Up Committee meeting April 15, 2008 to consider the Bridge Construction Petition for Downs Township.

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Motion by Dean/ Cavallini to go into *Executive Session* at 9:25 a.m. The Committee members and the County Administrator are asked to remain in *Executive Session*.
Motion carried.

Motion by Clark / Cavallini to come out of *Executive Session* at 10:00 a.m.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton advised that the Committee requests that the County Administrator prepare the necessary IDOT form to request that Mr. Eric Schmitt be authorized to take the examination to be certified as the next County Engineer. Chairman Hoselton noted that the Committee will consider this at a Stand up Meeting.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary

